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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Y. Wakita : Art Unit:  
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TRANSFERRING APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM :  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert ~~THIS~~  
APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT  
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On page 1, line 2, please insert --method-- after "apparatus".

On page 1, line 6, please insert --method-- after "apparatus".

On page 7, line 15, please insert --and method-- after  
"apparatus".

On page 7, line 24, please delete "(corresponding to claim 1)".